

Old Stage Road Neighborhood Meeting

October 6, 2022

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City Traffic Engineer



Agenda



Welcome, Introductions
and meeting protocols:

Lisa Bachman, Meeting Facilitator

Presentation:

Todd Frisbie, City Traffic Engineer

Q&A / Discussion:

All

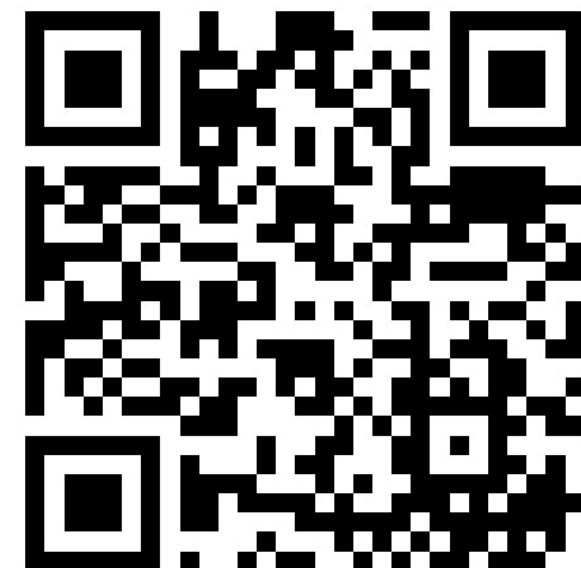
Next Steps:

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Meeting Notifications



How this meeting was promoted:

- Postcards (2 mailings) to 468 adjacent property owners each
- Enewsletters to database of 114 individuals. Distributed on:
 - Sept. 22
 - Sept 28
 - Oct. 3
 - Oct 6
- Notified the following asking them to distribute it to their constituents and in their social media:
 - Westside Watch
 - Friends of Old Stage and Gold Camp Roads
 - Pike Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance Facebook and “Friends of” Facebook pages
- Posted to the project webpage on the City website
- Posters at the hairpin turn/existing gate
- Postings on NextDoor.com
- News articles: KRDO-TV, Fox21-TV, C.S. Independent, C.S. Business Journal
- Our Community Now and several other online forums

Meeting Protocols



- We invite you to use this meeting as an opportunity to have a **discussion** about public safety related to Old Ranch Road, and to **respectfully** ask questions and provide your ideas and input.
- **Mutual respect** will assure the most productive meeting possible and because there will undoubtedly be different opinions to consider. In the time we have, we want to hear from everyone who wants to provide input.
- Please don't shout out from your seats during the meeting and refrain from applauding or booing which is disruptive to others.
- Allow the speaker to get through the entire presentation, holding questions until the Q&A / Discussion Session at the end.
- We may not have all the answers to all questions tonight.

Old Stage Road Location



How the road is typically used



Not comprehensive

- Traffic to the national forest
- Traffic to Teller County (Cripple Creek & Victor)
- Off-roading / Jeeping / 4-wheeling
- Bicycling / mountain biking
- Hiking
- Access to fishing
- Access to camping
- Access to the CSU facility
- Access to Cheyenne Mountain cell tower field
- Access to businesses and private residences

Problem

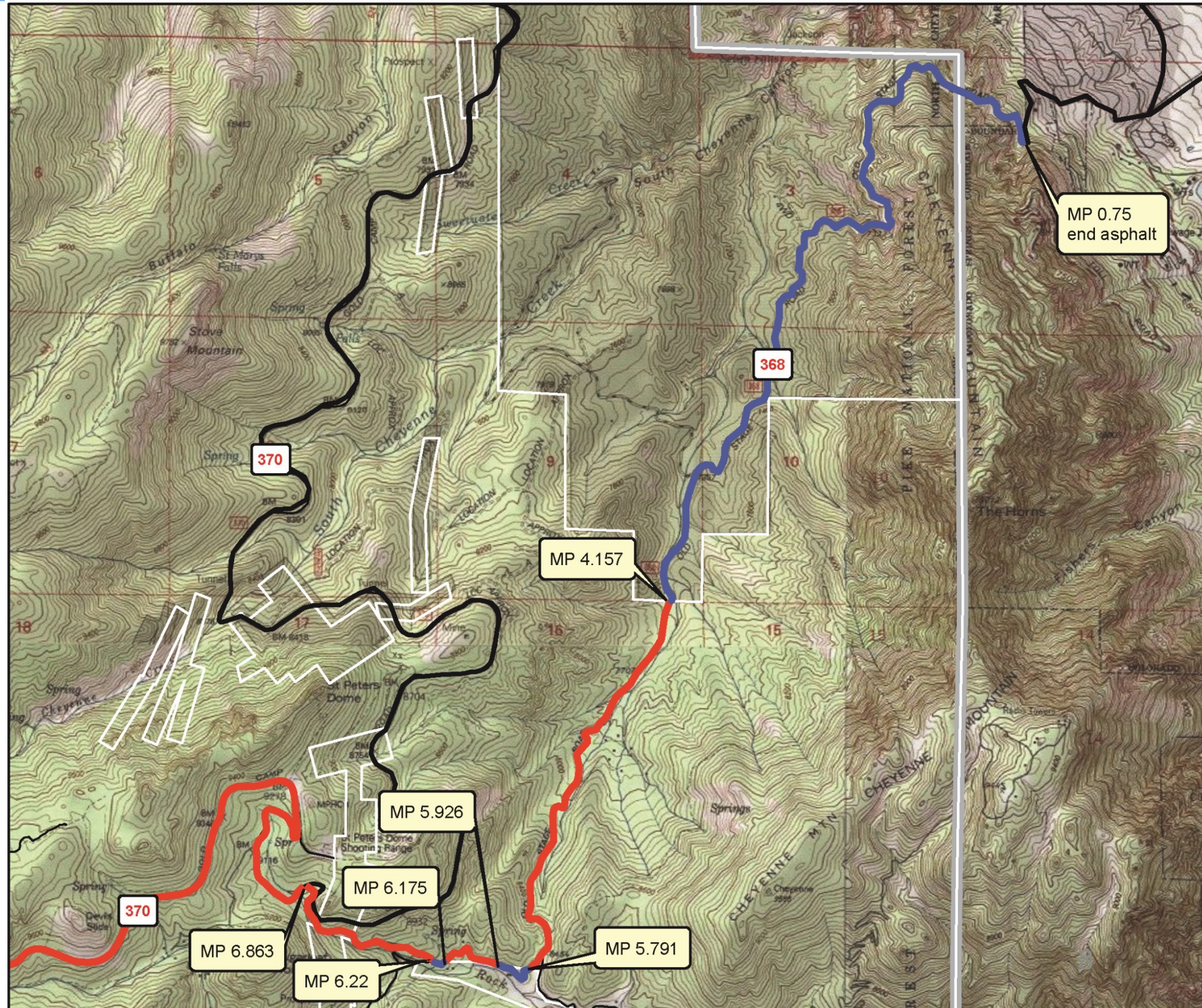
- Public concerns over public safety issues
 - Fireworks
 - Campfires
 - Overnight parking and camping
 - Criminal activity
 - Illegal shooting
 - Vandalism
 - Late night traffic
 - Trash / Litter
 - Noise
 - Illegal dumping



Background



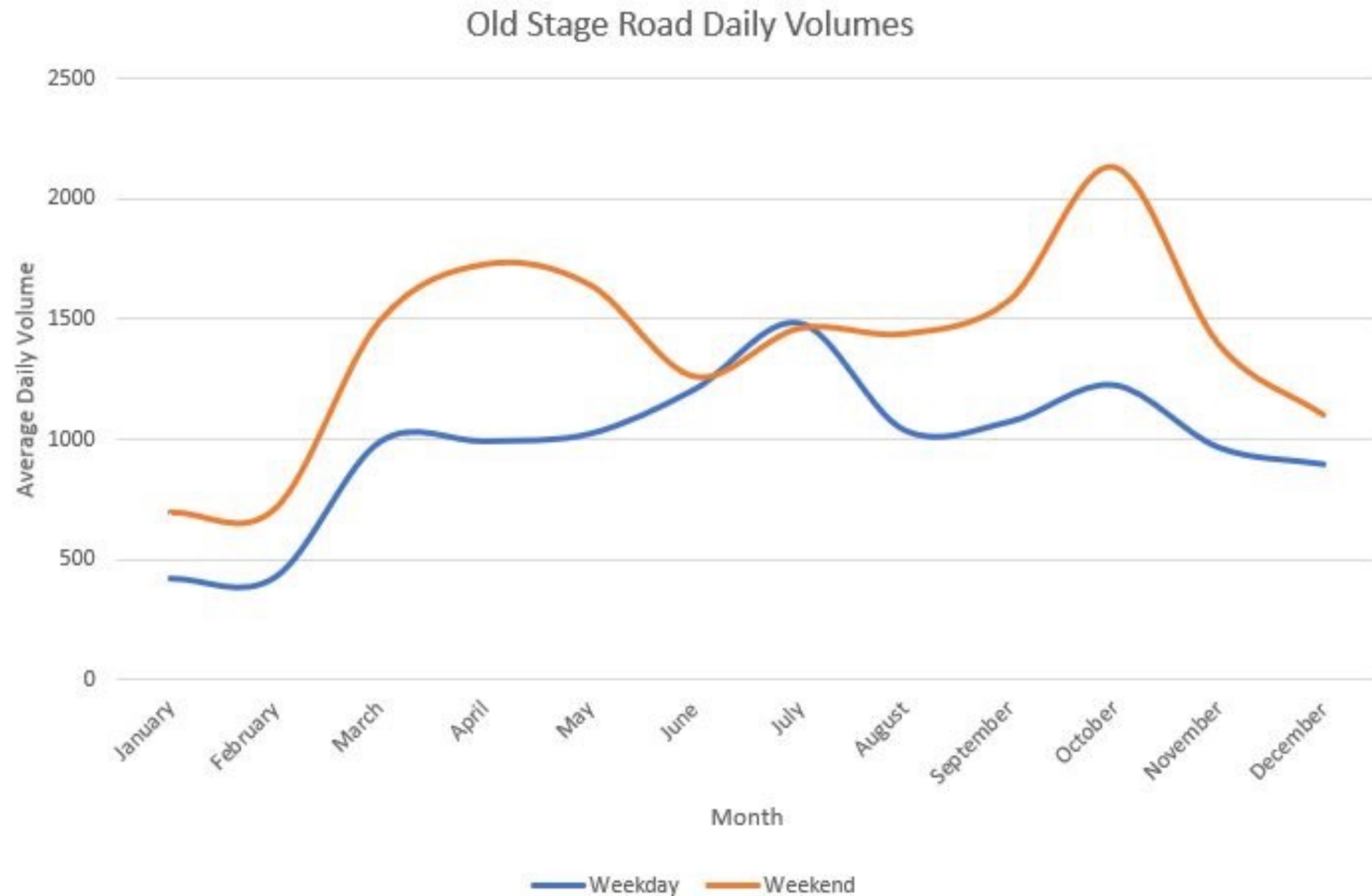
- Road agreement – El Paso County (EPC) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- **Thick grey lines** – USFS boundaries
- **Blue** – EPC has jurisdiction for law enforcement and authority to control and regulate use
- **Red** – USFS has jurisdiction to control and regulate use.
 - Both EPC and USFS have law enforcement jurisdiction



Traffic Volumes



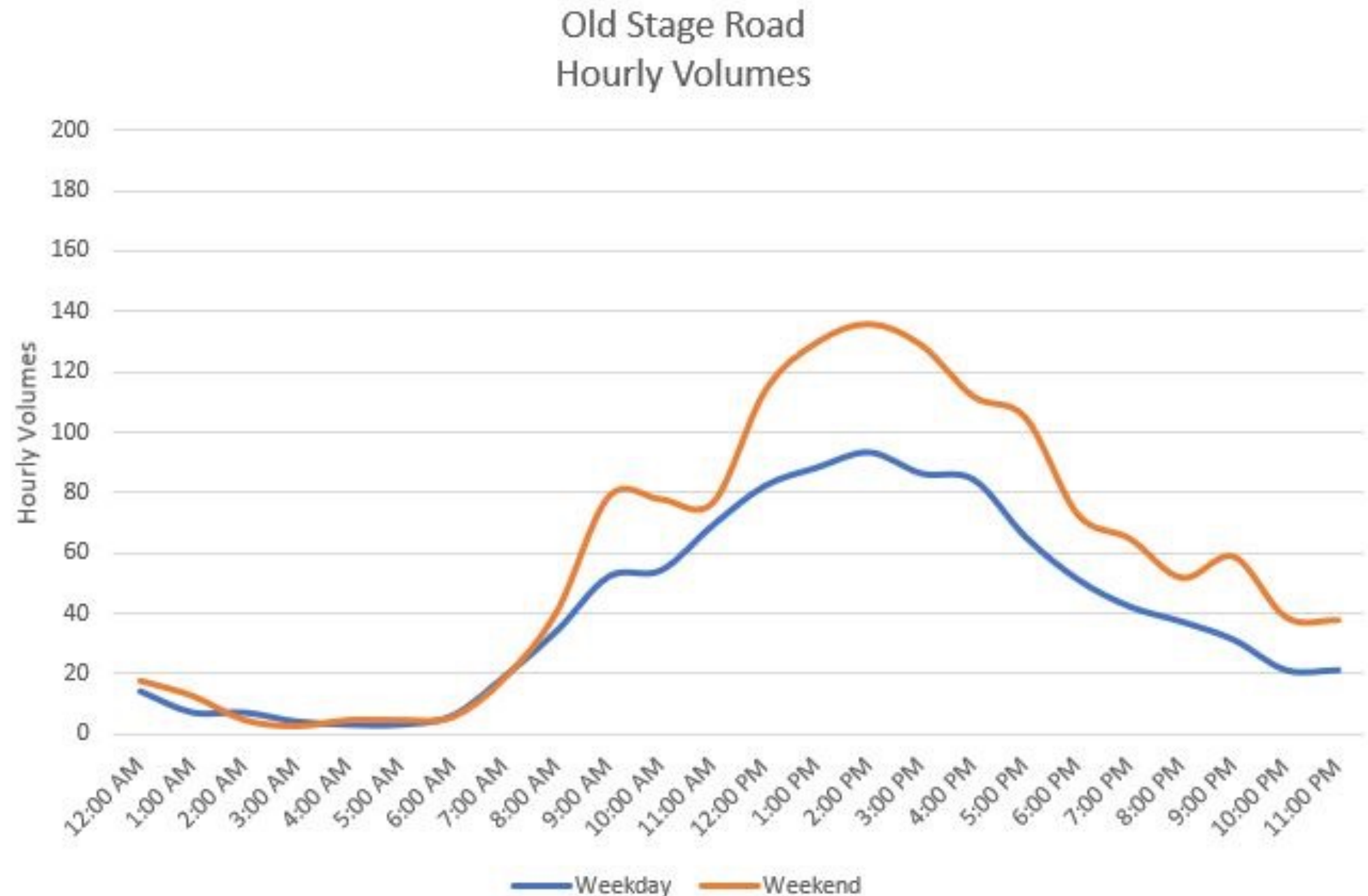
- By month



Traffic Volumes



- By 24-hour period



What We've Heard to Date



Time Activated Gate Benefits

- Public Safety – Less illegal activity, reduces wildfire risk behavior
 - Camping and campfires
 - Gunfire/shooting
 - Dumping
 - Vandalism
 - Drug paraphernalia
 - Graffiti
 - Illegal and underage drug/alcohol abuse
 - Gang activity
- Most bad activity happens between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.
- Would reduce speeding at night
- Would reduce party goers

What We've Heard to Date



Time Activated Gate Concerns:

- Even if only during late hours of the night/early morning, a gate restricts access to public land
- Emergency access / evacuation during an emergency
- Access to Teller County (Cripple Creek & Victor) – increases commute time
- Maintaining 24-hour access enables others to experience the way it has been experienced in the past (rich history)
- Limits access for nighttime activities (photography, sunrise hiking, early fishing)

What We've Heard to Date



Other Options:

- Increase patrol /police presence (law enforcement or volunteer forces that have authority)
- Additional signage
 - beginning of Old Stage Road. “ATTN: Old Stage Road is a public accessway through 7 miles of private property. Shooting is strictly forbidden, no camping, no hiking, no parking next 7 miles. Designated public shooting areas, as well as public hiking and camping, are located in National Forest ONLY.”
 - reminder signs. “Entering Private Property – no shooting, no camping, no hiking, no parking next 7 miles”
- Pave Old Stage Road
- Install guardrails
- Security sweeps between 9 and 11 p.m.
- Cameras
- Cripple Creek Signage: “4-wheel drive vehicle recommended”

- **Time Activated “Smart” Gate**
 - Advantages
 - One-time upfront cost with some on-going maintenance
 - Curtail undesirable late-night activity
 - Enables pedestrians/bicyclists, residents and their visitors, and emergency responders entrance at any time
 - Challenges
 - Management of access
 - Setting times to limit access -- one direction only for entering west onto Old Ranch Road, late night into early morning only
 - Location of the gate
 - Technical
 - Power
 - Detection on west side
 - Access from the east
 - Monitoring

- **Law Enforcement Presence**
 - Advantages
 - Doesn't limit access
 - Lower initial upfront cost
 - Challenges
 - Sustainable funding source
 - Level of enforcement authority
 - Educational
 - Issue citations / arrest
 - Interjurisdictional agreements

- **Other Ideas**

- New and additional signage
 - Advantages – Low cost, education
 - Challenges – Low compliance, targets
- Road improvements (guard rail and paving)
 - Advantages – improved safety, lower maintenance effort
 - Challenges – funding
- Cameras
 - Advantages – low cost, assist law enforcement with timeline
 - Challenges – unreliable (weather, power, cleaning, vandalism)

- **The “Do Nothing / Leave as is”**
 - Advantages
 - Easy to implement
 - No cost
 - Challenges
 - Does nothing to address the public safety issues

Q&A / Discussion Protocols



- If you have a question or input to be considered, please raise your hand. So that everyone can hear, we will bring the microphone to you, alternating between sides of the room. Due to the time required to clean mics between speakers, we will hold the mics.
- State your name; keep your question/input brief so that everyone who wants to, has the opportunity to participate.
- To enable as much input as possible within the time we have, if something has already been said, please don't repeat it.
- As there may be different opinions, listen & hear with **mutual respect**.
- Use the Comment Forms or line survey to submit additional input or questions.

Next Steps



- All comments/input from the meeting, emails submitted to the City, printed surveys and online surveys will be collected, summarized and provided to the City
- The City will conduct further analysis
- Feedback will be communicated to the public at a date to be determined

THANK YOU!



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Please complete the printed
comment forms,

Or take the online survey:

